



Cascade County Weed Advisory Board

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Thursday March 24th, 2016
2:00 p.m.

Cascade County Public Works Department
Conference Room
279 Vaughn S. Frontage Rd
Great Falls, MT 59404

Board Members: Bruce Forde, Tim Wylder, Bruce Keaster, Robert (Bob) Rumney & Gene Hughes

NOTICE: These minutes are paraphrased to reflect the proceedings of the Cascade County Weed Advisory Board.

Attendees: Joshua Blystone, Maury Stewart, Norma Borgstrom

Board Members Present: T. Wylder, R. Rumney, G. Hughes, B. Keaster, B. Forde

- A. Meeting was called to order by Joshua Blystone at 2:02 p.m.
- B. Old Business
 - I. No old business to discuss
- C. New Business
 - I. Election of board chair
 - a. Bob Rumney moved to elect Bruce Keaster as board chair, Tim Wylder seconded; all were in favor.
 - II. Recommendation to adopt the updated County weed management plan by the board of County Commissioners.
 - a. Bob Rumney moved to approve and sign the updated management plan, Tim Wylder seconded; all were in favor.
 - III. Year-end report distribution to members not present at previous meeting
 - a. Discussion on biocontrol efficacy and insects available.



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- IV. Noxious weed trust fund
 - a. Discussion on grant funding received by the 4 weed management areas now present in Cascade County
- D. Open Floor
 - I. Employee salaries
 - a. Discussion on what County weed and mosquito control applicators are currently being paid. Maury Stewart and Josh Blystone described the current pay matrix and difficulty in finding seasonal employees that are interested in working more than one season. Discussion on the possible need to increase wages to attract more people to not only apply for the position, but return for more than one season.
 - II. Vertebrate pest control
 - Discussion on pesticides for ground squirrel removal
 - III. Next meeting date
 - Next meeting date tentatively set for October.
- F. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.